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# BAKER CASE PROBE WILL BEGIN TODAY

## Question Of German Woman's Departure Is Raised

German Government raising  
reason for couple's rapid flight  
Bureau reports.

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Washington, Oct. 28 — An Iowa congressman demanded today to know whether any security violation was connected with the "speedy" deportation of Mrs. Ellen Romesche, a West German woman linked to the tangled affairs of Robert G. Baker, former secretary to the Senate majority.

Meanwhile, the Senate Rules Committee prepared to begin a closed-door investigation tomorrow into Baker's activities.

Senator Williams (R., Del.) said today he did not intend to bring up the case of the glamorous German "tomorrow" when he appears before the committee. But he did not rule out presenting it later. Reportedly the committee will hear tomorrow of charges that Baker used his position to make a stock windfall of \$33,000.

### "Other Impropriety"

The Senate committee, headed by Senator Jordan (D., N.C.), will examine possible "conflicts of interest or other impropriety" in the business or financial dealings of Senate staff employees.

The probe will begin with Baker's activities, which burst into the headlines after he was sued in September by a vending machine corporation which charged he had been paid to use influence to get it a contract, in a plant with Government ties, and then got the contract canceled after he could not buy out the firm.

Baker resigned October 7, after the Democratic leadership in the Senate had summoned him for a talk.



MRS. ELLEN ROMESCHE  
*A speedy departure... but why?*

Representative Gross (R., Iowa) took the House floor today to demand information on a weekend newspaper article saying the woman, described as an acquaintance of Baker's and said to have visited a house he owns, had been quickly sent back to Germany in August after an investigation by the FBI had begun into her activities.

### "Unusual Hours"

The copyright article by Clark Mollenhoff, of the Des Moines *Register and Tribune*, said the woman was connected with high executive branch officials and Congressional figures.

It said she lived beyond the income of her husband, a West German army sergeant attached to the military mission here, and explained her "unusual hours" by telling neighbors she was a model.

Gross said, "I want to know... the circumstances under which a young German woman was hastily deported from this country a few weeks ago following an FBI investigation."

"Members of Congress and the

public are entitled to know," he said, "whether there was any element of security violation concerned in this speedy and hitherto unpublicized deportation."

Gross attacked Baker, a protégé of Vice President Johnson, as a "Ponzi from Pickens, South Carolina."

He said the House was concerned because it voted to approve his salary (\$19,611 per year) and other funds he spent.

Baker is a South Carolinian. Charles Ponzi was convicted in 1920 of using the mails to defraud in a get-rich-quick scheme. The Boston swindler pilked 40,000 investors of \$15,000,000 by promising a 50 per cent return on their money in 45 days. He was eventually deported to his native Italy.

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